June 27, 2007

California Air Resources Board 1001 "i" Street Sacramento, CA 95812

Subject:

Objection to Proposed New Regulations
In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle/Equipment

Dear California Air Resources Board.

As employees of Coastal Earthmovers, Inc., we strongly feel that if the proposed new regulations, as they are currently written, for "In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles/Equipment" are passed, that all of our jobs will be in jeopardy.

We understand and agree that steps need to be taken to reduce emissions in California and the rest of the world, but these regulations could put Coastal Earthmovers, Inc. out of business, as well as many other California contractors. At the very least, contractor fleets will be cut down and many construction workers, along with field support staff will lose their jobs. This will cause a snow-ball effect that will cost California millions of dollars.

There has got to be a better way to address the Issue of clean air. To force a contractor to park, scrap and/or sell his Tier 0 (1996 and older) equipment to another state is not the answer. Coastal Earthmovers, Inc. keeps all of their equipment in excellent mechanical condition. To force contractors to upgrade eligible equipment (they do not include Tier 0 as eligible) to Tier 3, and then have to upgrade to Tier 4 when the Tier 4 technology is developed and available is not viable. We need to move forward, rather than backwards. Make all <u>new</u> equipment comply with Tier 3, and when Tier 4 equipment technology becomes available, make all <u>new</u> equipment comply with Tier 4.

Please took at the overall consequences for California and its workers if these new regulations pass as they are currently written.

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